does not go into the issue of payment by the Electricity Department of the Government of Manipur to its suppliers.

It has been informed by Electricity Department, Government of Manipur that they have disbursed the following payments to the suppliers of energy meters:—

(i)	M/s. Capital Power System Ltd.	Rs. 183.00 Lakhs
(ii)	M/s. Elymer Electrics	Rs. 145.00 Lakhs
	TOTAL:	Rs. 328.00 Lakhs

The delay in release of payment is due to the financial crunch being faced by the State Government.

Terrorist Attack on American Centre at Kolkata

*83. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the extremists attacked the American Centre at Kolkata on 22nd January, 2002, where number of policemen were killed and injured;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the incident has exposed that the arms in possession of the policemen on duty were useless and unfit to work;

(d) if so, whether delegation from the Union Government visited the place; and

(e) if so, what is the outcome of the enquiry conducted so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Two motor cycle borne assailants indiscriminately fired on police personnel deployed for security duty at the American Centre, Kolkata on 22nd January, 2002. Four police personnel were killed on the spot and sixteen injured, one of whom later succumbed to injuries. One Aftab Ansari, Farhan Mallick, a mafia donstationed in Dubai, claimed responsibility for the incident. Investigations revealed that Lashkare-e-Taiba (LeT) Harkat-ul-jehad-e-Islami(HuJI) were responsible for the attack. Later, the two suspected assailants Mohd. Idris and Salim were

involved in an encounter with security agencies at Hazaribagh on 28.1.2002 and were injured in the shoot out, and subsequently died. They disclosed before their death about their Pakistani nationality and involvement in the incident. So far, five persons have been arrested in connection with the incident. Considerable success has been achieved in the case after the deportation of Aftab Ahmed Ansari from Dubai.

(c) to (e) Shri A.K. Bhandari, Special Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs visited Kolkata on 22nd/23rd February, 2002 to take stock of situation arising out of the shooting incident and to determine the assistance required by the State Government to strengthen security arrangements, including procurement of sophisticated weapons. The immediate requirement of sophisticated weapons has been met.

Water Storage in the Tehri Dam Reservoir

*84. SHRI KARAN SINGH:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether water storage in the Tehri Dam reservoir had commenced in December, 2001 and whether Tehri township and surrounding areas have been submerged;

(b) if so, the towns and villages already submerged;

(c) the present stage of the project and the phase-wise details of the project completed; and

(d) the details of rehabilitation of the dam oustees completed so far and those planned?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) and (b) In order to make available dry area down stream of Tehri Dam for the commencement of civil works of stilling basin of chute spillway of Tehri HE Project Stage-I (4x250 MW), it was a planned imperative to close down two diversion tunnels, T-3 & T-4. Accordingly, these tunnels were closed on 5.12.2001. As a result, the areas in Old Tehri Town, viz., the Balmiki Colony and Suman Colony, came under submergence. The inhabitants of these areas were duly shifted to New Tehri Town prior to the closure of above tunnels. The water storage in the Tehri Dam reservoir shall commence on closure of diversion tunnels T-1 & T-2.+